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FOR HEAVNER FROM CHARGE'

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TAGS:OTRA (HEAVNER, THEODORE J.C.), BB

SUBJ: HEAVNER VISIT

REF: STATE 201704 AND PREVIOUS

1. AMBASSADOR BRITTON HAS INFORMED ME BY TELEPHONE THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY YOU ON VISITS TO ST. LUCIA AND ANTIGUA.

2. APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE FOR YOU AND AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON PREMIER COMPTON OF ST. LUCIA, 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 28. BRITISH GOVERNMENT REP LETOCQ WILL SEE YOU IF HE IS ON THE ISLAND AT THE TIME (HE IS FLYING BACK TO UK FOR MOTHER'S FUNERAL), SUGGESTS YOU TELEPHONE HIS OFFICE FROM EMBASSY ON AUGUST 27. HAILWOOD SAYS HE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AND EXTENDS INVITATION TO YOU AND AMBASSADOR TO HAVE DINNER AT HIS HOME NIGHT OF AUGUST 28. HE CONFIRMS REPORT THAT READWIN HAS LEFT ST. LUCIA (READWIN NOW IN UK).

3. I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR YOU AND AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON PREMIER VERE BIRD OF ANTIGUA AND DEPUTY PREMIER LESTER BIRD ON AUGUST 30. PERMANENT SECRETARY ERIC CHALLENGER, TO WHOM REQUEST MADE, SUGGESTED CALL BE MADE ALSO ON GOVERNOR SIR WILFRED JACOBS. HE CONFIDENT APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE, WILL ADVISE US WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN.

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4. I HAVE ALSO INFORMED COMMANDER OF US NAVAL FACILITY
AND, THROUGH HIM, AIR STATION IN ANTIGUA OF DATES YOUR
STAY ON THAT ISLAND AND DESIRE VISIT THESE FACILITIES.
BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY WITH RESPECT TO APPOINTMENTS WITH
ANTIGUAN OFFICIALS, NO TIME SET FOR VISITS SO FAR.

5. I HAVE ALSO CONTACTED DEPUTY BRITISH GOVERNMENT
REP IN ANTIGUA GILLETT, WHO IS CLOSER TO THE
SCENE IN THE LEEWARDS THAN LETOCQ, HAS BEEN IN THE AREA
LONGER, AND IS MORE FORTHCOMING. GILLETT SAYS HE WOULD BE
HAPPY TO SEE YOU ANY TIME AUGUST 30.
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